



BSWI MONTHLY REPORT

4 SEPTEMBER 2025



Introduction

The September meeting was once again in the Windhill Churches Centre and attended by 40 members plus one visitor. The President welcomed everyone asking them to collect their new programme cards when signing in. There was a second hand book table and a produce sale available and members were reminded about the £1 in a bucket raffle as well as the regular monthly raffle. These are all opportunities for the BSWI to continue to raise much-needed funds.

NHS Screening and Immunisation programmes

Sarah White, one of our members, introduced the speaker, Hayley Mc Carthy, who works for the NHS setting up and advising on many different national health programmes in Essex. There were some IT problems so Hayley agreed to circulate her presentation to all members so that they could understand the variety of preventative measures available. She explained the progress made to widen the take-up of these opportunities and there were many questions and comments from the floor. This was an excellent talk and the President thanked Hayley for such an interesting presentation.

Notices

Members enjoyed coffee and cakes during the break

- Sign-up sheets for cinema trips and the next dinner were available
- NFWI raffle tickets were on sale for the last time
- Application forms for the Christmas meal on 4th December were distributed by the Treasurer
- The President thanked Margaret Reynolds and Sue Skelton for arranging the new programme of speakers and Maggie Eccleston for organising the printing of the cards
- A sign up sheet for volunteers to help with setting up and clearing away was circulated
- Birthday cards made by the Craft group were handed out
- The Sunflowers competition was won by Mel Belcher with Liz Roper and Mary Duckworth joint 2nd
- The raffle prizes were distributed

The meeting finished with a short explanation from Maggie Eccleston on the recent changes made to the WI Constitution and how they will affect the HFWI. She, or the President, will vote to endorse these changes at an online meeting on 9 September on behalf of the BSWI.

(Notes compiled by Barbara Bradbear, Secretary BSWI)